GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5305
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MALPRACTICE IN FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received several complaints regading theft of foodgrains and exchange of foodgrains in lieu of poor quality foodgrains from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Connivancewith officials concerned during the last three years, till date;

(b) if so, the action taken in each of this case; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far to check the malpractice by the officials of FCI godowns?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) There is no specific complaint regarding theft of foodgrains and exchange of foodgrains in lieu of poor quality of foodgrains from the godowns of Food Corporation of India in connivance with its officials during the last three years.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) Adequate security measures are taken to prevent theft of foodgrains. Departmental action is initiated against delinquent officials, if any, besides lodging of FIR with the police and action thereon. Regular inspections are also conducted in order to check the thefts.